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1969 has marked the 50th Anniversary of one of the most important historical events in Canadian labour history — The 1919 Winnipeg General Strike.

This struggle, 50 years ago, has provided a basis which has proven the fact that trade unions are an integral part of society and should be recognized as such. The labour movement has developed to the present extent where it is involved not only in establishing better wage packages for its members but also has taken an active part in establishing and trying to obtain better housing for all, better educational standards for our youngsters, comprehensive medical coverage based on the ability to pay and many other areas of concern not only to our membership but to society as a whole.

One might say, "Where do we go from here?"

We would only be fooling each other if we were content to sit back and rest on our laurels at this time. Our world is a changing world and consequently the labour movement must also change to meet the challenges that we face tomorrow.

It becomes mandatory that we build our movement in much the same way that industry today is creating itself into powerful conglomerates and corporations. We must organize the unorganized and build our membership larger and stronger.

It is apparent that we must also continue our fight to have injunctions of any sort removed from legislation. The use of this sword to cut down the labour movement in a bona-fide stoppage of work must stop.

The people involved in the 1919 strike laid a firm foundation for the building of a strong and united labour movement and I would urge every trade unionist to join with us in maintaining and keeping the movement active and beneficial to all.

On behalf of the Executive Board and Members of Council, I would again like to thank and pass on our sincere appreciation to our Advertisers, Contributors and Honourable Patrons. Your continued support makes this Labour Annual possible and to you we say, Thank You.

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Premier of Manitoba



On my own behalf and on behalf of the Government of Manitoba I am happy to extend warmest and most cordial greetings to the Winnipeg and District Labour Council through the medium of the 1969 Labour Annual.

As a government we are committed to maintain and establish programs designed to provide for human betterment, the economic well-being of all our citizens, and to advance social progress. These objectives are in harmony with the overall aims of organized labour.

As we approach the hundredth birthday of Manitoba, we do so with an awareness and appreciation of the significant role played by labour in the growth and development of our province, in helping to push back unexplored frontiers, in building our industrial complexes and in improving the general quality of life we have all come to enjoy. In concert with the total population, organized labour has contributed well and lastingly to the task of province-building.

Mindful of what has been done up to now, we look forward to the continued concern and participation of the labour movement in the days and years ahead.

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I am indeed pleased to extend my personal greetings to the members of the Winnipeg and District Labour Council, CLC.

During this past year, Winnipeg has been undergoing a building boom of great magnitude. The new construction sites which have been appearing throughout the City are vital to the redevelopment of the downtown business core.

Winnipeg can indeed be proud of its labour force. New techniques and skills demand an ever increasing amount of knowledge. I know that labour will meet this challenge with renewed strength and energy.

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The Winnipeg and District Labour Council has performed a great service in commemorating and thus recalling the Winnipeg General Strike of fifty years ago.

The very principle of collective bargaining was at the root of that dispute—the right of workers to have their organizations and to bargain collectively. That was an issue in 1919 and, let no one be mistaken, that is still an issue to-day.

The fight of half a century ago was conducted against a backdrop of fundamental social problems—inscurity, unemployment, soaring prices and profiteering.

And what happened? History shows that the full force of what to-day would be described as “The Establishment” was rallied against the working people. The Establishment was composed of those who had authority and influence in the city, and they were supported by a press which put on a display of hysteria which has seldom, if ever, been equalled in this country.

And yet against all this force—and it was a considerable force—the workers stood firm. They refused to be panicked, and it is to their everlasting credit that they displayed such great courage and determination. As that great Canadian, the Reverend J. S. Woods-worth, said of that terrific propaganda barrage: “It was the biggest hoax that was ever put over on any people.”

I am sure we all feel a sense of deep regret to-day that those who sacrificed so much in the Winnipeg General Strike are not here with us now to witness what has happened in the past 50 years.

They would be able to see the amazing growth of the movement which they did so much to establish. They would have the opportunity of witnessing—particularly here in Manitoba at this time—the great victory of a political party fighting for and winning the right to speak and act on behalf of the ordinary people.

We have made progress in many respects. When we talk about 1919, we are looking back to days when the streetcar operators in the city of Toronto were trying desperately to get an increase in their top rate of 37 cents an hour. And the company operating the streetcars was saying that they could not possibly increase the rates without increasing fares. The streetcar fare in Toronto was then four cents.

And it was in 1919 that a special inquiry was being conducted in the city of Montreal into the use of child labour. The issue had been brought to a climax by an accident in a factory in which a ten-year old boy had his arm torn off by a machine. And when the inquiry was held, several widows appeared, begging that their children be allowed to continue working because the \$6.00 a week they earned was essential to the support of their fatherless families.

Of course, here in Manitoba your Mothers' Allowance Act was then three years old, and some 300 families were benefitting from its assistance. Manitoba had pioneered by introducing the first legislation of this



type in Canada—and I am sure that this pioneering spirit with regard to social legislation is going to be continued in the immediate future.

When we look back to 1919, we see a labour movement with some 378,000 members. Now there is something like six times that number of men and women in unions across Canada.

And we find that in the intervening half-century, tremendous changes have taken place with regard to social legislation. To cite a comparatively recent example, we have the acceptance in almost all the provinces of the principle of a national health insurance plan.

There have been improvements in many other forms of social legislation, and the living standard of most Canadians is considerably above what it was in 1919.

And yet so much remains to be done. Despite all our progress, we have tens of thousands of those older citizens who made that progress possible, being forced to end their days in garrets, trying to maintain life on a mere pittance. There is a good deal of talk and criticism about to-day's wage rates, and yet we have untold numbers working day after day for a completely inadequate minimum wage, or very little more. We have such a prominent and representative body as the Economic Council of Canada telling us that about a quarter of the Canadian population is living at or below the poverty line.

And so we, as a trade union movement, are still confronted by great tasks. And at the very same time we face new conditions which are a challenge to the health and survival of the trade union movement itself.

J. (Jimmy) JAMES INTERVIEWED

(by Mary V. Jordan)

Labour's Number One Voice

Over Fifty Years of
Trade Union History

Veteran Labour Leader J. (Jimmy) James worked with the Retail Wholesale (RWDSU) AFL, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, one-time President of the Manitoba Federation of Labour and Executive Secretary of the Federation at the time of his retirement from the day-by-day Labour Scene in Manitoba.

With the idea of an Anniversary Number of the Labour Annual, and its theme the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919, Mr. J. (Jimmy) James comes into the picture prominently, although he was not in Winnipeg during the actual Big Strike nor the historic Trials which followed in 1919 and 1920.

In our interview we asked Mr. James: You were not in Winnipeg at the time of the 1919 General Strike, how is it that you know the history of what actually happened, so well?

Mr. James: How I came to know about the General Sympathetic Strike of 1919 was that in my early years in this city I was fortunate enough to get acquainted with such men as Bob Russell, George Armstrong, and many others, who actually participated in that particular struggle. Those were the people who were members



Since 1947 Mr. James has been on the Manitoba Labour Board. He finds himself today still actively serving as a Board member. He is also a director on the new Manitoba Health Corp.



Mr. J. (Jimmy) James, although retired, speaks out long and loudly as ever to protect the rights of employees. He is still Mr. Labour in Manitoba.

of the Socialist Party of Canada, which they claimed had its counterpart in the British Trade Union movement, and they played important roles as members of the S.P. of C. of that day.

CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS VS. HISTORICAL SETTING OF TRADE UNIONISM IN CANADA

Do you think, Mr. James, that the Canadian Labour Congress with its million and a half membership today, has any resemblance to the ideology of the One Big Union of 1919?

Mr. James: No— No, I don't say it has. Because the OBU was organized on a class basis. The One Big Union was the parent body. Its organizers were sent out by the headquarters to organize the working class.

The Canadian Labour Congress is the Central Legislative body which is a different thing entirely.

Yes, but the CLC is an organization composed of affiliated unions?

This is true. The unions are built up for the purpose of taking care of their own members. The CLC is a spokesman on a national plane which continues its legislative liaison with the Federal Government. A provincial federation of Labour unions is set up to look after the legislation at that level, and in the same way a Labour Council functions at the civic and community level.

The merger in 1956 of all Canadian Labour into one Canadian Labour Congress, is in my opinion, one of the brighter happenings in the Trade Union movement of Canada.

Winnipeg and District Labour Council

There are some divisions of opinions about too many unions and some day we may have a new organizational structure.

Would that be closer to the One Big Union Ideology?

Mr. James: It might be closer in that there would be very big unions. Such a concept might emerge out of the present. But I think it is a long, long way off. The thought is a good one, anyhow.

VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL UNIONS

What about International Unions in Canada, Mr. James?

Mr. James: If it were not for the International Unions on the Canadian scene, I don't think the Trade Union movement would grow—nor would it have grown to the place it holds today in the Canadian economy.

The International Unions have plowed millions of dollars into the Canadian Labour movement, and Canadian Unions required such a system. In fact, Canadian unions just would not be if it were not for the interest of International unionism in Canada.

To speak of Labour Leaders for a moment, Mr. James, would you say a word about some one outstanding in the past 50 years?

One of the most outstanding Presidents that I ever knew to chair a meeting was A. R. Mosher at the head of his Canadian Brotherhood of Railway and General Workers Union, or as President of the Canadian Congress of Labour before the 1956 Merger.

The most capable person, in my considered judgment that the Labour movement has ever had, since I have been around, anyhow, is Pat Conroy, who was Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labour.

Is there any substitute for the Union Label today?

Mr. James: When you get an established trade union movement as in Great Britain you don't hear so much about Union Label, as such. Everyone takes the Union Label for granted. People belong to the various crafts, as a matter of course and the Union Label goes with it.

This country is young. Both in Canada and the United States the Union Label signifies reasonably good conditions, a negotiated contract with a wage rate comparative in competitive trade. Eventually we hope the day will come where there will be no necessity for a Union Label. Every worker will be on a job that is organized.

The worst enemy today of the Union Label is the worker himself. Without interest in the welfare of others or in the labour movement as a whole, a fair standard for all and better conditions is hard to get even though the demand for the Union Label by those who really want to make the world a better place to live for all.

When was a Union Label first demanded?

You must remember that the Union Label is more than 2,000 years old. There was in ancient Rome, certain crafts which used a symbol to identify their products in the market place. Medieval Europe had its goldsmiths who adopted a "hallmark" and other guilds had similar symbols.

In 1869 the Union Label was adopted by the Carpenters and Cigar makers of the United States. Later barbers and retail clerks displayed a union shop card in their places of work. Gradually the American continent awakened to the economic power the purchasing dollar possessed and union workers with their families found they had a high percentage of the buying power.

What is labour's basic purpose in concerning itself with Union Label?

Mr. James: The answer is clear and simple; to protect work and wage standards.

You retired early, Mr. James. Are you enjoying life more now or rather would you be back at your desk every day serving the Labour Unions of Manitoba?

I did not retire early. I am 67 years of age. I would not call that early judging by present-day practice.

There are days when I wish that I were back in the hum-drum of things, said Mr. James on a half nostalgic note. There are other days when I am quite satisfied with my lot, and when I believe it is a young man's world. Young men are far more aggressive and they know more. I do think the young men should take time off to train themselves, to read some history, and devote themselves to the opportunity of good books which are written today.



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Message from the

HONOURABLE BRYCE MACKASEY

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Both here in Canada and on the world scene, 1969, the 50th Anniversary of the International Labour Organization, was a very special year for all of those involved in industrial relations. We in Canada, along with the 118 other member countries of the ILO, welcomed this opportunity to salute the Organization's half-century of service in the cause of social justice; service recognized by the awarding of the 1969 Nobel Peace Prize.

Of the various activities held in Canada to honour the ILO, I believe that the most significant was the National Tripartite Conference, which took place in Ottawa, late in October. It brought together over 200 senior representatives of labour, management and government to discuss the real issues involved in industrial relations.

This Conference was a first for Canada. It showed that, not only can we sit down and discuss our various problems, but that we must communicate and consult each other to an ever increasing degree if we are to successfully solve the issues that face us.

The Conference affirmed my belief that there are no easy answers to the complicated world of industrial relations. More important still however, was that the Conference demonstrated a willingness on everyone's part to understand these problems for what they are, and to work together towards finding solutions.

While I firmly believe that one cannot legislate intelligence nor good will, there must be a framework of legislation within which sound industrial relations and fair employment practices can successfully operate. To this end, we in the Department have been developing proposals for new legislation for presentation to Parliament.

The years ahead hold many challenges, but none greater than making Canada a better place in which to work.

HON. BRYCE MacKASEY,
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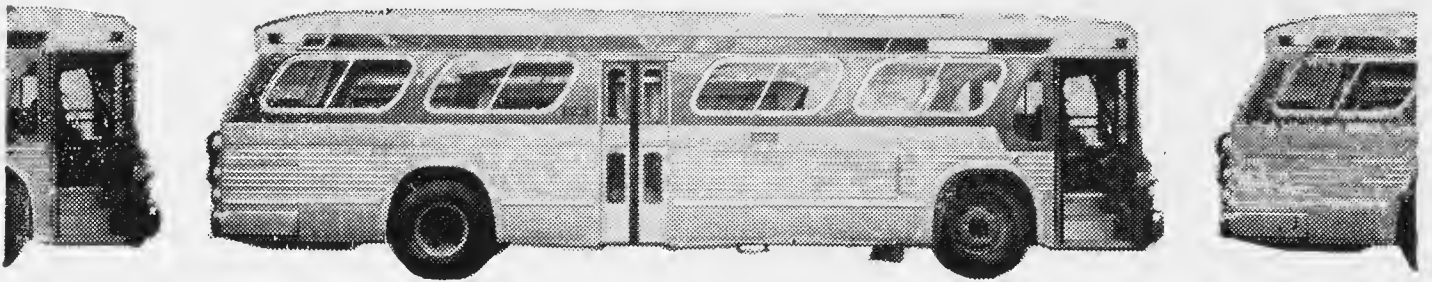
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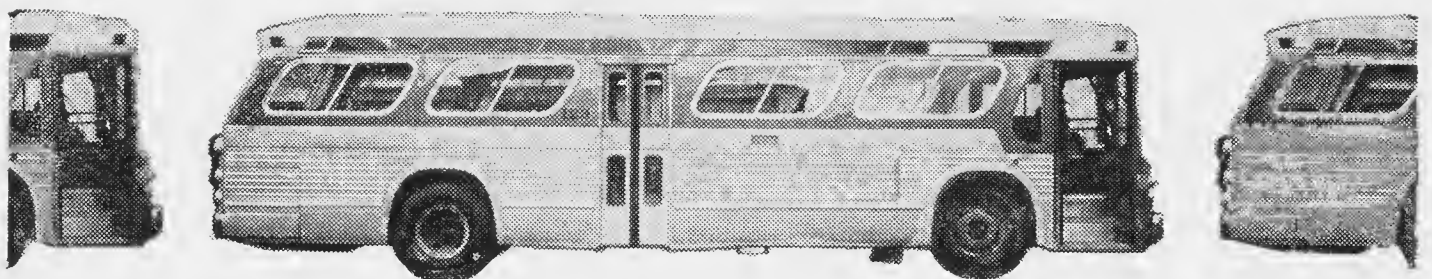
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A Message from

H. L. (Len) STEVENS

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As President of the Manitoba Federation of Labour, elected at its Seventeenth Convention in Winnipeg, I am happy to be among those invited by the Labour Council to send a Message of hope and confidence in the future of Manitoba's Labour movement.

It is most gratifying to join on this occasion with our new Premier of Manitoba, the Honourable Ed Schreyer, and the Minister of Labour, the Honourable Russ Paulley, of the New Democratic Party, which today is holding the reign of Government for the Province of Manitoba.

As we go on to Manitoba of 1970, we look forward to a new day and a new way along the bypaths of political and legislative achievements of Labour. We hope to have a fine cooperation with our Labour Council in Winnipeg and District in our future programmes.

We are at the crossroads of another fifty years to make Labour History in Canada. On the 1919 - 1969 Fiftieth Anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike, Labour paid homage to the past sacrifices and proclaimed anew our right of Bargaining Collectively, which is our most cherished possession today. Victory over the years to come lies in our appreciation of true **Collective Bargaining Rights**.

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Message from the

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I am very pleased indeed to be able to extend my warmest greetings to the members of the Winnipeg and District Labour Council.

Organized labour is playing a major role in the society of Manitoba. It is recognized and respected as a major force in our community. That is a position it has attained over the years through the vigor with which it has prosecuted social issues and the responsibility it has shown in the conduct of its affairs.

We are living in critical times in a rapidly changing world. Old, familiar problems are still with us. New problems are arising to confront us. Solutions are not easy. They can be achieved only through the most determined effort and wholehearted working for the common good of this community and its citizens.

I am confident that Manitoba's labour movement will demonstrate in the future, as it has in the past, those same qualities of responsible and determined leadership in the fields of labour relations, labour standards, and the broader social issues which are of so much concern to all of us.

A. R. PAULLEY,
Minister of Labour.

John Slobodian

Appointed New International Representative Region No. 6



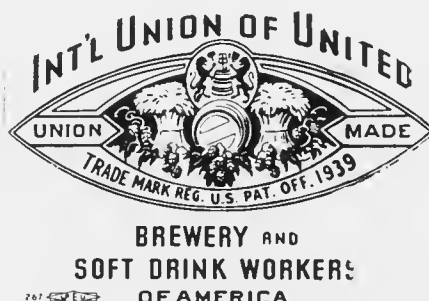
John Slobodian was appointed International Representative effective May 5 and will serve in Region 6, Province of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, under the supervision of Regional Director Norman Wilson.

Brother Slobodian is a member of Local 330 at Winnipeg and has held a number of Local union offices since his association with our organization in 1957. His experience includes organizing, negotiation and handling grievances and arbitration procedure. He recently conducted a successful organizing campaign among Distillery Workers in Manitoba. Prior to joining

our Local 330, Brother Slobodian was with the Steelworkers in Winnipeg and served as vice-president in Local 4066, which he joined in 1945.

Brother Slobodian is married, has two sons and a daughter and lives in Winnipeg.

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Mr. R. J. Henderson

Mr. R. J. Henderson is the director of Prairie Region of Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). He is a national figure in the Labour movement of Western Canada. Past President of the Manitoba Federation of Labour, Mr. Henderson is now one of its vice-presidents.

Speaking of the Canadian Union of Public Employees the Regional Prairie Director says CUPE is entirely a Canadian Union representing public employees at all levels of government; and crown corporations at the federal and provincial levels. Hospital, school board, municipal, provincial and federal Crown corporation employees are to be found among the members of CUPE's 118,000 according to the 1968 reports.

Mr. Henderson, speaking of the recent bi-annual convention of CUPE says, "Our organization showed further growth over the past year with increased membership and new locals in all regions of the country.

"In Manitoba our membership now numbers 7,590 members in 29 local unions, located in 15 areas of Manitoba. In Manitoba our union maintains offices and facilities to service our membership including seven full-time representatives and three clerical staff.

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MR. R. H. (RUSS) ROBBINS

Prominent Labour Representative Retires

By Mary V. Jordan

Mr. H. R. (Russ) Robbins retired in October, 1969, from his work as a business agent for the United Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO, Local 343.

Mr. Robbins, who is a native Canadian lived on a farm during his early years, with his parents who farmed in the District of Glenella at Tenby, Manitoba.

Spending some time as a Carpenter at Timmins, Ontario, he returned to Manitoba in 1939 and later joined the 20th Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers during the second World War years, serving at home and also Overseas. In 1946 he again returned to Winnipeg and continued his work as a Carpenter with membership in Local 343. In 1951 he became business-agent for this Local, where he has served ever since.

No one in the trade union movement has been a more significant representative of Labour than Russ Robbins down the years. Quiet-spoken with a manner that creates good relationships between Management and Labour which is so necessary today in the changing status of our times, Brother Robbins has enjoyed a distinctive career, which has won for him recognition from the community at all levels.

In the many and varied responsibilities undertaken Mr. Robbins has always appeared at his post of duty well groomed and meticulous, and he carried out whatever work he had to do accordingly. As a representative of this Local 343, Brother Robbins is a perfect example of what a good business-agent should be. Labour has always been very proud of him as its representative in the community at large, serving on many Boards, Commissions and Committees, it is impossible to do more than summarize a few of the most outstanding.

We might mention the Labour Board of the Province of Manitoba of which Mr. Robbins is still a member and hopes to continue to serve Labour in this capacity.

Through the years Brother Robbins has been a delegate to the Labour Council which has brought him in

close touch with the interests and undertakings of the working people in the community.

Mr. N. D. Cochrane, Deputy Minister of Labour in the provincial government, speaking of the work of Russ Robbins on the "Wood's Committee" says:

"Mr. Robbins was an enthusiastic supporter by continuous consultation between Labour and Management for their mutual benefit and for the benefit of the public. His work on the Manitoba Relations Management Review Committee, commonly called the "Wood's Committee", was highly regarded by all."

Mr. J. A. (Art) Coulter, Executive-Secretary of the Labour Council until recently, in speaking of Brother Robbins says "it was always a pleasure to work with him as a delegate to the Labour Council and on its many committees." He says, "we are all familiar with the contribution made by Brother Russ Robbins in his direct involvement with the Labour unions but perhaps everyone does not know about what he has done as the representative of the labour movement in the community."

"Brother Robbins was a representative of Labour back some fifteen years ago on the Community Welfare Planning Council of Greater Winnipeg. Serving on its special committee which was seeking ways and means to provide low-rental housing so direly needed even at that time, he gave much of his time and energies to help solve the commanding problems of low-rental housing in Winnipeg. A few years ago Brother Robbins became directly involved in the Urban Renewal plan which has developed proposals and recommendations on Urban Renewal for much of the City of Winnipeg."

Contribution to Welfare Planning Council

"Through his association with the Welfare Planning Council of Greater Winnipeg and as a member of this Council Brother Robbins was elevated to the Presidency following the term of office held by Archbishop Phillip F. Pocock. Brother Robbins did a marvelous task of directing the activities of the Welfare Planning Council which was well recognized in the community."

Brother Coulter further stated in summary that the dedicated interest in educational programmes of the Labour movement was a characteristic of the retiring trade unionist who could always be counted on to be present at any function or activity to further Education in which the Labour movement was involved. "I sincerely hope Russ will continue in these fields as a stalwart representative of Labour."

Brother Robbins still retains his honorary position as a member of the board of governors of the University of Manitoba and he says he will continue to be interested in this phase of Labour's concern for the education of all working people.

Dudley Magnus of the Free Press writing in his column "The Labour Scene" strikes the note of regret to be found in Local 343 of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America that Brother Russ Robbins has left the regular scene of Manitoba's Trade Union movement and that he may continue for a long time to come giving his dedicated service to the Labour movement of Winnipeg.

Mr. Robbins lives at 75 Renfrew Street in the River Heights District of Winnipeg. He has a happy home life and a very gracious wife who is well known to the Labour movement. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins can be assured of a hearty welcome whenever they can come out to any of the social gatherings or events put on by the trade union movement.

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LABOUR DAY 1969

1. President Donald MacDonald rides in the historic Parade on Labour Day, Sept. 1, 1969.

2. Before the Parade floral tribute wreaths were placed at the Bronze plaque at the Civic Centre. Participating in the ceremony (left to right) Mr. L. H. Stevens, Alderman Wade, A. Walker, President Donald MacDonald CLC.

2. Labour Day Panorama included Floats by the United Steelworkers and men who paraded on foot carrying placards explaining the philosophy of the Metal Trades who struck in 1919. 1505 Amalgamated Transit Float won the Scroll.

3. Float of Labour Council and Manitoba Federation of Labour is a joint effort and was awarded first prize by the Judges.

4. Judges of Memorial Plaques presented to Winners in Labour Day Parade, (left to right): Metro Council head, Mr. J. Willis, Minister of Labour, Russ Paulley, Rev. David Reece, Alderman Wade, representing Mayor Stephen Juba.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Grant McLeod are in the forefront of picture, with Mr. Les Paulley, brother of Labour Minister, Mr. Curley Shepherd and Mr. Fred Tipping, one-time president of Winnipeg Trades and Labour Council.



6. The Anniversary Cake was cut by Mr. Arnold Sealey, representing the Master Bakers of Dominion Stores, who baked the cake to honour the occasion.



7. At the evening Banquet Premier Edward Schreyer is seen with Mrs. Schreyer on his left. Guests (left to right) included: Aldermen Alan Wade, representing Mayor Juba; President Donald MacDonald, and the Honourable Premier, at right, Mr. Alf. Walker, President of the Labour Council (absent from picture), presided. Mrs. Walker is seated at his right.

Highlights 50th Anniversary Year of the Winnipeg General Sympathetic Strike — 1919-1969

Highlights in Winnipeg on Labour Day 1969 centred upon the Labour Day Parade and the commemorating ceremonies which honoured the strikers. Officials of "Labour" acted in the impressive ceremony at the Civic Centre which included laying of floral wreaths in tribute to 1919.

1969 Labour Day Panorama

President Donald MacDonald of Canadian Labour Congress came from the Ottawa headquarters to participate in the occasion. He presided as Honourary Parade Marshall at the Labour Day Parade. The 1969 Parade was held on Labour Day itself, for the first time since 1919, although parades by the Labour Council have marked each year since the merger of Canadian Labour in 1956. Such Parades however, were held in the week of September which was proclaimed by municipal and provincial governments as Labour Week in Winnipeg.

Commemoration

The Commemorating Plaque of bronze that now hangs on the podium walls of the Winnipeg Civic Centre was presented by the United Steelworkers at their May Policy Conference held in Montreal, 1968, to Mayor Stephen Juba of Winnipeg. The reason for the Plaque lies in the fact that Metal Trade Workers who struck in 1919 are represented by members today of the United Steelworkers Union. "The event is unique in Labour History," said the Winnipeg Free Press, where special ceremonies honoured strikers on Labour Day.

At the Civic Centre on Labour Day a band Concert was put on by the Strategic Air Command band of Nebraska. The band came to Winnipeg for the occasion as guests of Mayor Stephen Juba.

The Anniversary Dinner at the Union Centre Auditorium was attended by government heads from municipal and provincial offices. Mr. Wm. B. Kelly, U.S. Consul General was an invited honoured guest at the evening's historic event where President Donald MacDonald, CLC, was guest speaker.

1919 Strikers were also honoured guests, as will be seen in the illustrated pages here: Mr. and Mrs. Grant McLeod. Grant McLeod, President Emeritus was long-time President of the Labour Council. The family of the late R. B. Russell also attended with Mrs. Russell.

HISTORIC BACKGROUND

Bakery and Confectionery International Union of America, Winnipeg, Canada



The enclosed picture speaks for itself—Labour Day, 1914. Pictured left to right are: Riece Jones, William Martin, Pete Grottenburg, William Orton, Harry Anderson, George Coull, John Finlater, Andy Young, Alen Bennet, Jack McSloy, John McLean, Lawrie Anderson, William McCallum. Seated: Peter Cornes, Unknown, Unknown, John Anderson, Unknown, Unknown.

This picture was recently presented to Local 389 by Jack McSloy who was President of Local 34 in 1914. He appears in the picture holding the Staff of Life.

Local 34 was chartered in Winnipeg in 1906 and then disbanded after the 1919 general strike. The bakers then went over to The One Big Union and remained there until approximately 1932, when Local 292, Bakery and Confectionery International Union was chartered in Winnipeg. In 1942 this local was

disbanded and the bakers were organized into the Canadian Bakery Workers' Union and continued with the Canadian Union until 1951. In 1951 nearly all bakery production workers, looking into the future, broke away from the Canadian Union and took their rightful place in the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America which represented over 90 percent of the bakery workers in western Canada. Since re-affiliation with the Bakers International Union great progress has been made.

Prior to the Second World War, bakers were earning twelve to fifteen dollars per week and no overtime. They worked seventy to eighty hours per week or any hours the employer decided to work.

Today, bakers, by collective agreement, have a 36½ hour guaranteed work week, time and a half after eight hours, double time after nine hours. They also have a weekly indemnity of seventy dollars per week, uniforms, fully paid for by the employer, pension plan fully paid for by the employer (Five dollars and twenty cents per week on behalf of each employee). Three weeks vacation after five years, four weeks after fifteen years of service. There is a minimum starting wage for male employees of \$3.14 per hour — up to \$3.65 per hour. Female starting wage at \$3.02 per hour — up to \$3.28 per hour.

This progress did not come easily. On many occasions bakery workers were required to strike in order to secure the wages and working conditions of today.

Also enclosed is a recent photograph of Jack McSloy with man's best friend. Jack is now eighty-five years of age and lives at 28 Crystal Avenue, St. Vital. He is still a Labour man and a staunch supporter of the New Democratic Party.

The bakers are proud of the progress they have made and are equally proud of their slogan, **BAKERS DO NOT CROSS PICKET LINES**, and have proven this on many occasions.

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TRADES UNIONISM IN MANITOBA

By Thomas B. Robertson

Under the byline of Thomas B. Robertson, writing in the Free Press on the 25th Anniversary of the 1919 General Sympathetic Strike we can get a glimpse of the early history of trade unionism.

The Trades and Labour Council is Manitoba's premier labour council. History of trade unionism in Manitoba falls into three subdivisions: beginning about 1890.

When the city was finding its levels in the industrial and economic life of Western Canada and was beginning to grow, workmen were attracted to the young city and they soon had enough differences and grievances in common to unite under the series of craft unions.

From 1880 trade unions grew steadily but the efforts made during this period to consolidate union strength of the city did not succeed until 1894 when the (present) Trades and Labour Council was formed.

From 1894 until 1919 (twenty-five years), Labour in Winnipeg developed around the Trades and Labour Council. In the summer of 1919, if it was not the largest organization in point of members, it was the most influential Trades and Labour Council in the Dominion of Canada.

The third period . . . began in 1919 with the Winnipeg General Sympathetic Strike when the Council was split asunder in the violent reactions following the Strike.

A secession organization appeared on the scene (the One Big Union) and was an active and bitter rival to the old Council.

Following is a list of the Presidents of the Trades and Labour Council since 1891:

1893	James Hooper
1894	W. J. Hodgging
1895	W. Small
1896-98	J. Manson — H. Mason
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1912	E. McGrath
1913	W. J. Bartlett
1914-15	J. V. Johnson
1916-17	H. G. Veitch
1917	F. J. Tipping
1917-18	H. G. Veitch

1918-19	Jas. Winning
1919	A. G. Cowley
1919-20	H. J. W. Powers

The Trades Hall

Years of Trade Union expansion saw the local union movement moving from their various recruiting places and domiciling themselves in the Labour Temple on James Street in 1894.

The Labour Temple was originally an overall factory operated by the Hoover Manufacturing Company. The factory was burned down and the shell of the building left was bought by the Bricklayers and Masons union, who intended to remodel and reconstruct the edifice as a Trades Hall. The work was well in hand when a cyclonic windstorm blew the whole building down. This was a severe blow but the work was carried on to completion by a joint stock company with most of the Unions of Winnipeg holding shares.

The Council of 1894

In the ten years that had elapsed between the formation of the first Winnipeg Trades Congress in 1884 and the Council that came into existence in 1894, the K of L had evidently disappeared from the local Trade Union environment. The new T and L was formed on Feb. 24, 1894 and was made up of delegates from 10 unions and was a straight trade union organization.

"The Peoples Voice", a Labour newspaper published in the June of 1894 "endorsed and supported by the T & L Council" struck the note of the new body.

In the editorial in the first issue June 16, 1894, the editor C. C. Steuart, says:

"The various trades of the city having gathered together and formed one central body . . . it was felt it should have some medium through which it might reach the public. Having this object in view the Peoples Voice will at all times remain independent of politics, reserving the right to criticize or condemn any public man or any public body whose desires stand in the way of the public welfare. Nor will we refrain from censuring any trade organization whose action reflects upon true unionism, but will always endeavour to mete out that share of praise which is the merit of honourable motive."

The Years of Steady Growth

The Trades Council of 1894 devoted its efforts to consolidating and developing trade unionism in Winnipeg. The preliminary attempts had prepared the way. And the very rapid growth of the city made it an industrial centre of considerable consequence. The new trades Council struck its roots deep into the industrial soil and became a permanent and influential factor in the community life of the city.

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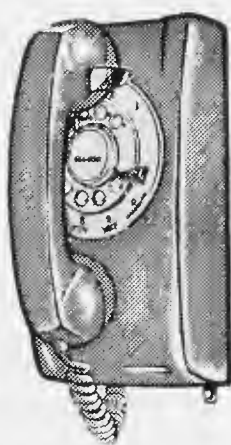
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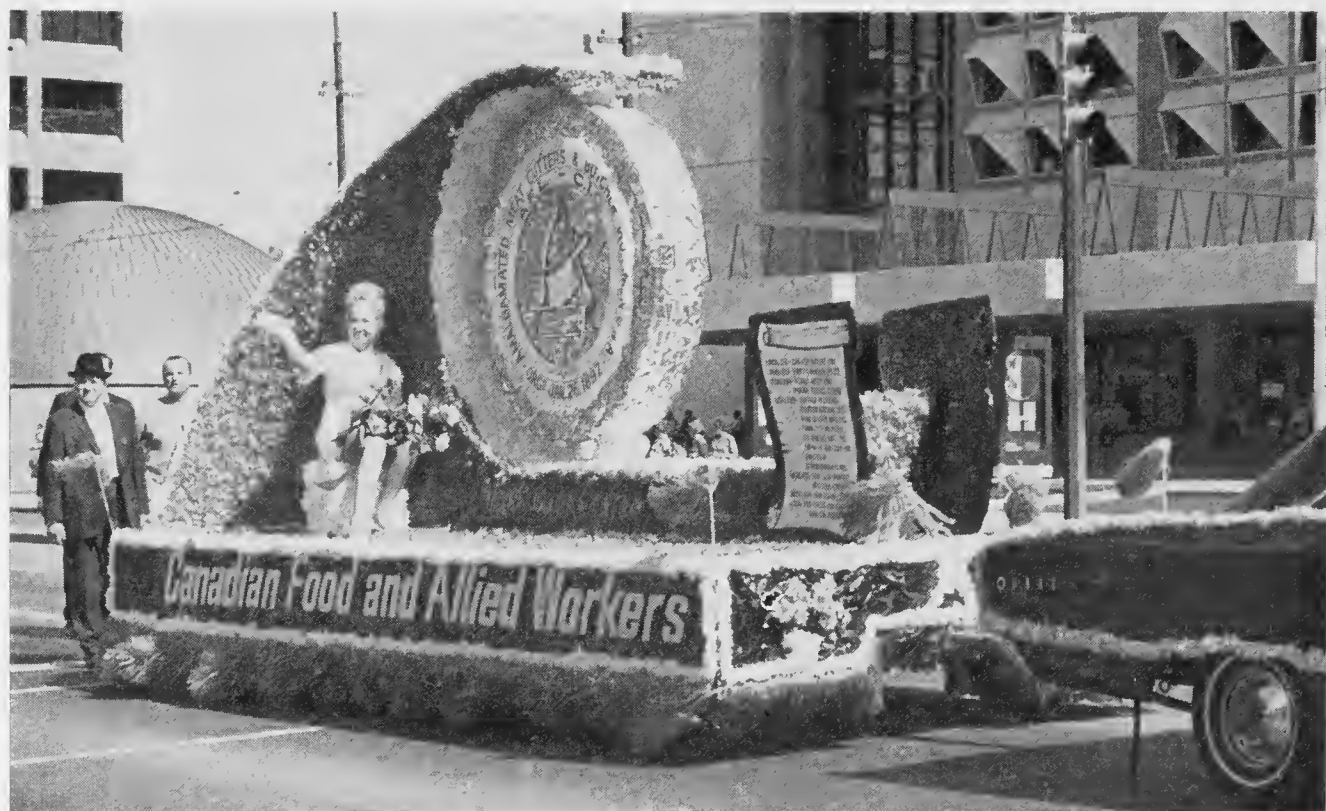
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At a Red Cross Instructor's School, students learning mouth-to-mouth method of artificial respiration.

The Canadian Red Cross Society In Manitoba

By Mary V. Jordan

As a representative of the Labour Council on the Management Committee of the Manitoba Red Cross, I have attended nearly all of the regular meetings and find the work of the Manitoba Branch of the society very interesting.

The purpose in accordance with the Canadian Red Cross Society Act includes: "in times of peace or war to carry on and assist in the work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world."

It is difficult to name or summarize all of the important activities, as contained in the reports of Blood Transfusion Service, Health Emergency and Welfare, International Work, Nursing, Red Cross Youth, Veterans' Services, Volunteer and Orientation Service, Water Safety and Women's Work. I think perhaps the



Society's Water Safety Service might be mentioned as outstanding in Manitoba.

More than 15,000 people of all ages took training at the Red Cross leadership level throughout Canada in 1968.

Winnipeg and District Labour Council

Proclamation Union Label Buying Week

This is the first time a Proclamation has been signed by a Minister of Labour of the New Democratic Party Government in Manitoba. He is seen here proclaiming the week Sept. 1-7, 1969, as UNION LABEL BUYING WEEK for the Province of Manitoba.

Receiving the Proclamation on behalf of the Union Label is President William Haiko, (standing directly back of the Minister of Labour and the Honourable Russell Paulley, who is signing the Proclamation). Labour representation is:

Left to right: Mr. H. L. Stevens, President, Manitoba Federation of Labour; Mr. J. A. Coulter, Executive-Secretary, Manitoba Federation of Labour; Mr. William Haiko, President Union Label League; Mrs. Kay Caldwell, secretary Union Label League; Carol O'Connor, Miss Union Label; Mr. W. Godfrey, Canadian Labour Congress Representative; Mr. H. Munro, Executive-Secretary, Winnipeg and District Labour Council, CLC.



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Harry Munro, executive secretary, Winnipeg and District Labour Council, CLC, comments on the evenness of the slices as he watches Toni and Yvonne demonstrate how a blind person is taught with a specially designed knife to cut bread.

"Viva Huelga"

Cesar Chavez is the vibrant personality who directs the United Farm Workers' Union, AFL-CIO.

In the background signs can be seen with the "Viva Huelga" of the Grape Pickers. The "Long Live the Strike" has a musical and haunting quality when it is echoed in the language of the Grape Pickers of Coachella Valley, and Delano, California. "Viva Huelga" has resounded from coast to coast in Canada in sympathy with the Grape Pickers, and to help them secure the right of Collective Bargaining.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary



Mr. F. C. (Chester) King and Mrs. King is seen here at the Celebration of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary at 232 Rosemere Rd. E. Kildonan.

Mr. King served the Labour Council through many of these Fifty Years. One time-President of the Trades and Labour Council, AFL he was vice-president of the Council when he retired a year ago.



Cesar Chavez is in the centre with Alf Walker on his right, and Denis Allard, left. Mr. Louis Laberge, CLC Vice-President, is looking on from the side.



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Industrial Festival Service

The following contribution was received by the Religion-Labour B&P Council of Winnipeg which we are happy to reprint with the comments from Mr. John Raines, and Rev. David Reece, executive members of the Religion-Labour Council. Rev. David Reece says "the Manitoba Conference of the United Church of Canada at its meeting June 1968, passed a motion that they would be happy to cooperate with any religious denomination to initiate an INDUSTRIAL THANKSGIVING. Preferably it was thought such an event should take place to coincide with the Liturgy of Rogation Days and the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Approval has already been established between Anglicans, Roman Catholics and the United Church. There seems to be no conflict in religious commitment. We would ask if the trade union movement is prepared to cooperate and make an event of the INDUSTRIAL THANKSGIVING for 1970.

Mr. John Raines points out that "for several years the RLB&P Council of Winnipeg have been advocating an annual INDUSTRIAL THANKSGIVING service, perhaps in a downtown Church or some other place suitable. A service similar to the one described in Mrs. Womersley's contribution is still the ambition of Religion-Labour Executive. It would assist us greatly if Local Unions would show some response to this and let us know, through the Labour Council office, your opinion and ideas with regard to such an undertaking as an INDUSTRIAL THANKSGIVING for 1970 as the beginning of a continuing annual series.

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INDUSTRIAL HARVEST FESTIVALS

By Mrs. Elsie Womersley

With the harvest now garnered in, most churches across Canada are planning their Harvest Festivals. This is one of those traditional services which has always been one of the loveliest of the year when our places of worship are adorned with sheaves of grain, huge loaves, fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Once Western Canada was primarily a grain centre. Gradually it has become more industrialized, and as in many other places large number of workers have entered industry, as farmers replaced their services by machines. It is not surprising, to find that in England many Harvest Festivals are now giving thanks for the products of industry as well as those of the field. One of the prime movers of this idea was the late Archbishop William Temple who was associated with an organization within the Anglican Church called "The Industrial Christian Fellowship". Its work is to help the church to recognize that industry is part of God's purpose for the World and emphasizes two major facets of the divine purpose for man — man as a worshipper and man as a creator.

For these combined Harvest-Industrial Thanksgiving services, invitation cards are sent to all commercial, industrial and agricultural interests in the parish and to the offices of Trade Unions. Workers are invited to participate in the service by reading the Lessons, taking prayers or even preaching the sermon. They are invited to bring with them the tools or products

of their work as a symbol of the dedication of their labours. Farm products, an industrial display and even pictures of the workers at their various jobs adorn the church.

Led by the choir the workers make a procession to the altar carrying up an emblem of their toil to be blessed. A T.V. film of such a service showed workers carrying up: a Diesel fuel injector, pipe line valves, castings, canned foods, baskets for strawberry packing, a concrete mixer model, half-made suit, plastic toys, hair-dressing material, model plastic space rocket amongst many other things. Two men carried an engine between them and a farmer even led up two sheep.

The lessons were read by the Managing Director of a local wharf company and by a member of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

All joined in an act of dedication saying:

"We dedicate to Thee, O God, the industries and agriculture of our land, especially those of this city and district, that all who work therein may serve to Thy glory and the good of their fellow-men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

After which the goods were carried through to a Sunday School room behind the church where they were placed on display tables and the congregation were invited to look at them after the service.

Such a service was most inspiring and united both management and worker in industry, commerce and agriculture, inspiring them with the knowledge that in ministering to the needs of others they were serving God.

Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933) wrote

"This is the gospel of labour
Ring it ye bells of the kirk
The Lord of Love came down from above
To live with the men who work.
This is the rose that he planted here
In the thorn-curst soil.
Heaven is blest with perfect rest
But the blessing of Earth is toil."

COVER DESIGN ENTITLED "HOUSES OF LABOUR UNDER BLUE SKIES OF MANITOBA"

Shows the Labour Temple on James Avenue demolished in 1967 when the new Art Centre was erected.

The Union Centre (below) was opened in 1963 at Young and Portage and the Trades Hall on 1080 Wall Street in 1966.

(Labour Temple photograph courtesy of Mr. F. C. King)

Fiftieth Annual Convention Manitoba Federation of Labour



Left to Right: Mr. J. A. (Art) Coulter, Executive Secretary Rt. Rev. O. J. McInerney, Vicar-General Archdiocese of Winnipeg (who presided at the opening session and delivered the Invocation); Mr. J. Wilford, Vice-President of the M.F. of L.; Mr. Alf. Walker, President of the Labour Council, who is speaking as host to the 8th Convention; Mr. Henry Rhodes, CLC director of Federations and Labour Councils; Miss Jessica Govea, who spoke to the Convention on the conditions of Grape-pickers in the Coachella Valley strikebound grape vineyards of California; Mr. Allan Wade, representing Mayor Stephen Juba, is on the extreme right.

Continue Boycott of California Table Grapes

... say members of Canadian Delegation who went to the California grape pickers strike area.

Organized Labour across the American continent has placed an international boycott on California table grapes for the past two years.

The main reasons for the boycott are that the growers involved fail to recognize the United Farm Workers' Union and that the United States Labour Relations Act does not provide for recognition of organizations of agricultural workers. In this fight both the Farm Workers and the Grape Growers have held fast to their arguments.

The Grape Growers, in refusing to negotiate have absorbed the following losses in their attempts to break the Union:

1. 700,000 boxes of grapes were left hanging or rotting on the vines in the Coachella area. This was approximately one quarter of the total crop.

2. Growers were selling grapes \$1.00 to \$2.99 less per pound.

3. It is expected close to one-third of the Coachella growers will be bankrupt.

The Workers have continued and will go on continuing to strengthen their Union in numbers. They are pledged to a non-violent campaign.

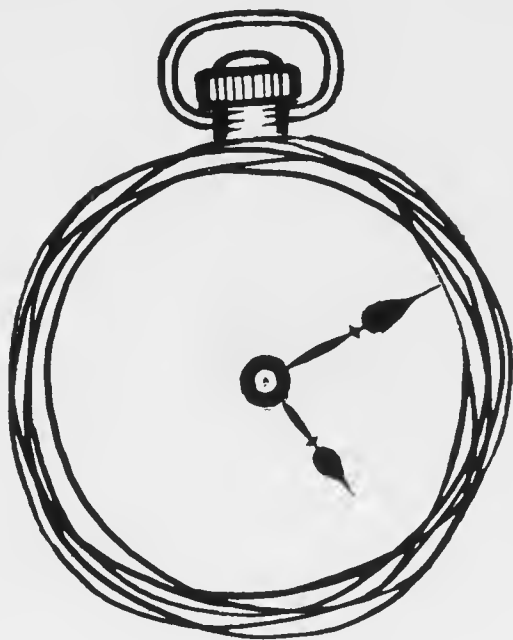
Battle to go on

Months of October and November are crucial times in the battle taking place, as grapes from the Delano area, now being harvested, will be entering our area in the near future.

Grape shipments to Toronto have dropped fifty per cent this year. With strong support locally, our boycott can be just as effective.



Canadian Delegation to Delano, California June 6, shown here with Cesar Chavez, leader of the United Farm Workers Union. The Delegation of 31 people came from youth organizations, representing students, Labour leaders Church organizations and others acted as a fact-finding committee at the request of the United Farm Workers Union, AFL-CIO.



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MANAGEMENT AND THE UNION:

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Left to Right: Mrs. D. Goldberg, Mrs. M. Sykes at Registration Desk, Mrs. Jean Borys, Mr. W. Reid, Miss Mary Jordan, Mr. John Raines, Mr. R. Summers, Mr. H. Munro, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. M. J. Gillman.

Enrollment — 269

The Education Committee reported itself as very pleased with the attendance at the 1969 Education Institute which was held at the University of Winnipeg.

The 1970 Annual School will be at the same place on the dates of March 14 and 15 and again the evening Banquet will be held on Saturday Evening.

At the March 29, 1969 Banquet, two Graduates of the 1967-1968 University Labour Course (Certificate)

were presented officially with their Diplomas by the President of the Labour Council, Mr. Alf. Walker.

Mr. J. B. Sinclair, of 122 International Association of Machinists, and Mr. Edward W. Martin, of 555 Canadian Union of Public Employees, are congratulated by the Winnipeg and District on successfully completing the three-year course and joining the growing list of Manitoba's Graduates of the Labour-University three-year Certificate Course.

JAMES S. WOODSWORTH

By Mary V. Jordan

James S. Woodsworth was a well known figure in the Winnipeg General Sympathetic Strike of 1919. The Strike started 15 May, 1919. Its most eventful time was from June 10 to 21, beginning with the first Riot on Main and Portage Avenue when blood was spilled in Winnipeg. June 17 marked the midnight arrests of Ivens, Heaps, Queen, Russell, Bray and Armstrong, the strike leaders who were taken from their homes to Stony Mountain Penitentiary. June 21 was "Bloody Saturday" in Winnipeg, a black day indeed for the strikers, with military force, civil authority and the Government of Canada against them. "Bloody Saturday" ended the strike, really, although officially it was not called off until 25 June. James Woodsworth came to Winnipeg on June 8 and all during the remainder of the heatie days of the strike he was a friend of the Strikers. At one time in Victoria Park where they held what was called "Labour" Church services, a crowd of 10,000 listened to him for three hours while he spoke of the high cost of living which he blamed for the unrest of these days.

A one-time Minister of the United Church, J. S. Woodsworth worked on the waterfront of the British Columbia coast. He had a fine-featured, ascetic face, and a tall, thin figure, the last man in the world you would expect to find working on the waterfront as a longshoreman. He belonged to the Longshoremen's union in Vancouver.

When William Ivens was arrested in the midnight raids made upon the strike leaders Woodsworth took over the editorship of the "Western Labour News". Fred Dixon, later also arrested for seditious libel was a reporter for the "Western Labour News" at that time. He and J. S. Woodsworth were walking down Main Street and in front of the McLaren Hotel, a detective approached with a warrant for the arrest of Woodsworth. He was taken to the Rupert Street Police Station, put in a cell, and later escorted to the provincial goal where he remained for five days, until bail was set at \$1,500. His wife and family, at the Pacific Coast, meanwhile went through anxious times, knowing what it would mean to a man like this to be in prison.

Woodsworth never faced a Trial by Jury. After Fred Dixon's brilliant defense in the Manitoba Courts of 1920, the "Crown" discontinued its prosecution, although the indictment itself was never lifted.

July 3 issue of the One Big Union Bulletin in 1920 had big headlines of the huge meeting of the Labour Party. Its executive had historic plans for "Unity" at the polls. This was the beginning of the Farmer-Labour movement, the nuclei of the Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF), which was the forerunner of the present New Democratic Party.

James S. Woodsworth became the Founder of the CCF in 1932, after heading the Independent Labour Party. By this time he was a member in the House of Commons for Winnipeg North Riding.



MRS. GRACE MacINNIS RECEIVES CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Mrs. Grace MacInnis was guest speaker at the Evening Banquet of the 1969 Education Institute, which was held at the Fort Garry Hotel.

The Education Committee of the Labour Council was indeed pleased that Mrs. MacInnis accepted the invitation to come to Winnipeg at this time. Her pleasing personality and gracious manner lent colour to the occasion of the annual Institute Dinner at the Fort Garry. Mrs. MacInnis also contributed to the theme which the Labour Council had chosen for all events in the year 1969 which was the 50th Anniversary Year of the Winnipeg General Strike.

She is the daughter of the late James S. Woodsworth who played a prominent role in the General Strike of 1919 and later became the founder of the C.C.F.

New Democratic Member of Parliament for Vancouver - Kingsway, Mrs. MacInnis spoke to the 300

guests at the Education Institute Banquet, March 29, 1969. She said, "As long as there are Canadians within the prison of poverty, there is no guarantee that Labour will be free."

Mrs. MacInnis also stressed her opinion that Organized Labour in Canada is one of the pioneers of human rights and social rights all along the line.

Speaking to the theme in the anniversary year of the Winnipeg General Strike, Mrs. MacInnis said "Labour has been developing its social consciousness since 1919 rather than concentrating on its own problems.

Grace MacInnis lived in Winnipeg until 1930. She was presented with an honorary citizenship on this occasion by Mayor Juba's Deputy, Alderman Allan C. Wade.

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Message to the International Moulders and Allied Workers Union AF of L - CIO - CLC

Local 174 of the International Moulders and Allied Workers Union, which is an affiliate of the Winnipeg and District Labour Council, CLC is commemorating its Founder, William H. Sylvis, who died a hundred years ago in July of 1869.

The Memorial Tribute to the Founder of the Moulders Union bears the inscription, "from union members everywhere." Under his direction the Moulders Union became the first International Union with members in Canada. The Canadian Labour movement, therefore, owes a debt of gratitude to this leader of 100 years ago.

Inspiring Memorial Message

Through Mr. Michael Capri, the Union's representative in Winnipeg, we of the Labour movement here, have been made conscious of the contributions to the cause of trade union organizations and the process of free collective bargaining which have been given by the Moulders Union. The Labour Council in Winnipeg, through its President, Mr. Alf. Walker, would send this commemorating message to President William A. Lazzerini of the International Moulders and Allied Workers Union. We are glad to have the quote contained in the "Sylvis Memorial Message", as it is published in the Union's Journal:

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PIONEERS—At top is mandolin band of Local 7, Denver, photographed in 1899. Famous early leaders are (left to right beginning at top) A. B. Loebenberg, first organizer; Mex Morris, secretary-treasurer from 1896-1909; H. J. Conway, who followed him and led the RCIA until 1926; Herry Meson, one of the first editors of the *Advocate*, and Mary Burke, the union's first vice president, who is remembered as "the godmother of the RCIA."

Early Days of the (R.C.I.U.) Retail Clerks International Union

The earliest Retail Clerks leaders were men with high ideals and great courage: distinguished looking men, handsomely mustached. Mary Burke, the first vice-president among the founders of the Union, was a woman of great charm.

In 1899, Local No. 7 of Denver boasted a mandolin orchestra, of which we are fortunate to have a photograph; ten men and seven women in formal attire. Although the mandolin orchestra shows that the members had organized recreation, let no one assume that the union members of those days, either strummed or fiddled their time away.

The oppressive working conditions against which they fought are described in an 1896 issue of the *RETAIL CLERKS ADVOCATE*: "Hours in stores in the 1880's were from about 6 a.m. to 10 or 11 p.m. daily; and Sunday morning from 6 to noon. Usually one of the clerks or the boss lived in the rooms above the store, and if a customer knocked during hours other than store hours, the clerk was expected to open shop and take care of the customer's needs."

"From 1882 to 1890 there existed but a few of the then so-called 'Early Closing Societies' — only seven to my knowledge. These worked for their principles without any affiliation with a higher body for over two years, after which time they were chartered by the Knights of Labor and called themselves 'Assemblies.' The affiliation with the Knights of Labor was short-lived, their laws not permitting the payment of benefits, the clerks withdrew and were chartered under the American Federation of Labor."

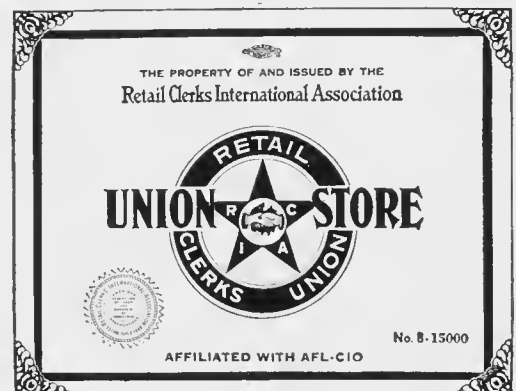
600,000 Membership

Fifty years later the Retail Clerks International Association had over 600,000 members; has a brand new building of its own and has a potential to become the largest Trade Union on the American continent.

Clerks who work 40-hours a week earn up to \$4.05 per hour. Quite an achievement indeed. The growth of the Canadian membership has been spectacular. Five years ago membership in Canada stood at 15,000; it now is 35,000.

AFL Influence

These first AFL charters were federal in nature and issued to local unions. The first was issued to the Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, and Shoe Clerks Union of Muskegon, Michigan, in 1888.



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On the Fiftieth Anniversary of the 1919 General Strike it behooves us all to remember, with thanks, the militant trade unionists who fought so hard to establish the right of "true collective bargaining." We realize that there are people in the Labour Movement who are of the opinion that we should not look back in the past but look forward only to the future. I agree with this philosophy. At the same time our young people must realize the wages and conditions which prevail today were only obtained through the militancy of the "old timers."

We pride ourselves that the Building Trades have always been in the forefront to obtain better wages and conditions and it is gratifying to note the achievements made across the country, in regards the "fringe benefit" area for the construction industry. Such fringe benefits were unknown a few years ago.

Problems Today

The fatality rate in the construction industry remains one of our most serious problems. We urge every worker to be **safety-conscious** at all times. While we agree with the Workmen's Compensation Board that a safety education programme is very important it should not replace the strict enforcement of the Act by the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Ex-Parte Injunction

The use of the ex-parte injunction once again reared its ugly head in the construction industry, with the legal strike of the Tilersetters. It is gratifying to hear the new Minister of Labour, the Honourable A. R. Paulley, voice his concern over this type of action. We surely look forward to a programme of cooperation with his department in order to achieve changes in political and legislative issues that have eluded us for a number of years.

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Premier Schreyer announced the Board will be headed by Baldur Kristjanson who just returned to Manitoba from a leave of one year's absence. He was serving as economic advisor to the Government of Tanzania.

The Board will recommend relative priorities among development objectives and propose new concepts.

Another of its functions will be to assess, review and evaluate the performance of the boards and agencies of the government directly associated with Development.

The Labour Council is very pleased that its President Mr. Alf. Walker has been appointed on this new Board of Eight.

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